COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018-16

BILL NO. 2018-16

Title of Bill: Agricultural Preservation District – Losten's Dairy, LP

Synopsis: A Bill to approve the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

ntroduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive
Introduced and order posted on: September 4, 2018
Public hearing scheduled on: October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Consideration scheduled on: October 16, 2018
By: Council Manager
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by <u>Date</u> at the
County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to
the Charter on <u>Date and Date</u> , a public hearing was held on <u>Date</u> and concluded on <u>Date</u> .
By:Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITAL LETTERS_INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT

Strike through indicates language deleted from existing document Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.

Double Strike through indicates language stricken from document by amendment.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-501-502 of the Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of 1 2 Maryland, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) was established in the 3 Department of Agriculture to protect agricultural land and woodland as open-space land; and 4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-504.1(a), in each county containing productive agricultural land, 5 the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation board; and 6 WHEREAS, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body 7 with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts; and to approve or disapprove an application for certification; and 8 9 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-509(b)(1-2) one or more owners of land actively devoted to 10 agricultural use may file a petition with the county governing body requesting the establishment of an 11 agricultural district; and shall refer the petition or application to the county agricultural land preservation 12 board and to the county planning and zoning body; and 13 WHEREAS, the county agricultural land preservation board shall advise the county governing body 14 as to whether or not the land in the proposed district or proposed easement meets the qualifications 15 established by MALPF; and whether or not the board recommends establishment of the district; and 16 WHEREAS, the county planning and zoning body shall advise the local governing body as to 17 whether or not establishment of the district is compatible with existing and approved county plans and 18 overall county policy, and whether or not the planning and zoning body recommends establishment of 19 the district; and 20 WHEREAS, if either the county agricultural land preservation board or the planning and zoning 21 body recommends approval, the county governing body shall hold a public hearing on the petition; and 22 WHEREAS, the county governing body shall render a decision as to whether or not an agricultural district shall be established for this petition or application; and 23 24 WHEREAS, the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services has 25 recommended approval of the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle 26 Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, 27 Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5); and 28 WHEREAS, the Cecil County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has recommended 29 approval of the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, 30 Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax

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Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5); and

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WHEREAS, the Cecil County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the petition Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section A385-3 Standards, in Chapter A385. Purchase of Development Rights Program and Fund, in the Code of Cecil County, the Cecil County Purchase of Development Rights Program allows a landowner the option of establishing an agricultural preservation district, a minimum of five-year agreement by the landowner not to develop the land and sets standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5) is approved for the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect in 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

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I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager

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Losten's Dairy (Home Farm)
Tax Maps 88, 89, &44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2, &5 WOODS RD

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Agricultural Land Use WOODS RD Legend Landuse Cropland HQ Pasture Wetland

Woodland